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## Foreigners Praise America's Religion

EVANSTON, Ill., — Visiting churchmen from around the world say that America is a much more religious nation than they had realized.

And they suggested American movies and newspapers had helped mislead them about the spiritual qualities of this country.

"Americans are more spiritual in some ways than the people of the Far East," said Miss Dora David, a member of the Church of South India from Palacottam, South India.

She is among 1,500 church representatives here from 163 denominations in 48 countries for the Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

"There is an impression abroad that America is not very religious," she said. "But during my stay here, I've had just the opposite impression."

Other church representatives, in interviews, had similar reactions.

### Firm Place In Society

"I find the church here has an interestingly firm place in society," said Karimus Sitompul, a Batak churchman from Indonesia. "It had a place in the common mind of the people."

He added: "We would not expect this from a land of so much freedom and prosperity."

Back in Indonesia, Sitompul said, "we know America most from films," and while the movies show some aspects of American life, they apparently don't tell the whole story.

"Now I see that the American people and the American nation have things in common with others," he said.

### Briton Raps Films

The Rev. Maurice H. Ridgway, an Anglican of Cheshire, England, declared that "the American films which are dumped on our shores give a very one-sided view of American life."

Americans are kind and generous, he said, "almost to the extreme."

The Rev. I. Masih, of Lahore, (Continued on Page Two)

### Associational Mission Grants For 1954-55

Grants of \$900.00 each were made to the following associations by the Convention Board:

Tallahatchie, Oktibbeha, Tippah, Newton, Marshall-DeSoto, Gulf Coast, Yazzoo-Madison, Panola, Pontotoc, Scott County, Calhoun, Leake, Jasper, Union, Attala, Mississippi, Montgomery, Lafayette, Riverside, Jones, Hinds, Wayne, Prentiss, Choctaw-Winston, Jackson, Marion, Alcorn.

\$9,700.00 was also appropriated for area missions.

### PASTORAL AID GRANTED TO 26 CHURCHES

Twenty-six churches were granted aid for supplementing pastors' salaries by the Convention Board at the September meeting held in Jackson September 13-14. They are:

Friendship (Pike), Gainsville (Pearl River), Enterprise (Miss. Assoc.), Union (Miss. Assoc.), Ruhama (Noxubee), Calvary (Simpson), East Side Mission (Sunflower), Antioch (Marion), Harmony (Warren), Van Winkle Mission (Hinds, North Side (Warren), Bethel (Lowndes), Rienzi (Winston), Sarepta (Franklin), Meehan (Lauderdale), Yale Street (Bolivar, Hurley (Jackson), Gulf Garden (Gulf Coast), Miss. City (Gulf Coast), Lakeshore (Gulf Coast), Waveland (Gulf Coast), West Gulfport (Gulf Coast), Immanuel (Gulf Coast), Bunkley (Franklin), West Side (Noxubee-Macon).

The total amount requested by various churches was \$13,960. The amount available for distribution was \$5,000.

## CONVENTION BOARD GOAL IS \$1,500,000

### State Mission Budget Set At \$252,320

## 294 Churches Have Not Made A Gift To Cooperative Program This Year

By CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Although 1418 churches have contributed to world missions through the Cooperative Program this Convention year, there are 294 churches that have not made a contribution through August 31.

These churches are distributed over 65 counties, since 10 associations were 100% in Cooperative Program giving through August.

These 294 churches are urged to make a contribution during Sep-

tember and October so they can share in our great state and world mission program.

May we urge those 294 churches to follow the lead of the 1418 that have contributed through August a grand total of \$1,071,190.28.

Our contributing churches are increasingly adopting the policy of regular contributions with many of them contributing on a percentage basis.

(Editor's Note: That is 294 too many.)

The Convention Board meeting for the first time in September under the revamped plan of three annual board meetings instead of two set a tentative financial goal for next year of \$1,500,000.

The goal is the same as this year's but the breakdown of the various Division's was changed. It was announced by Rev. J. R. Davis New Albany, president.

Division One, the initial appropriation, consisting of administration, promotion, evangelism, retirement plans, W.M.U. administration and Baptist Hospital, Memphis, is \$182,487.50, compared to \$17,000.00 this year.

Division Two, southwide causes will receive \$502,880.62 as compared to \$484,640.10 this year.

Division Three, state causes, for operational purposes will receive \$614,631.87 as compared to \$592,337.90 this year.

Division Two will receive 45 percent of Distributable Cooperative Program funds and Division Three will get 55 percent, the same percentage as last year.

Division Four, for capital needs received \$200,000 divided equally as follows: Mississippi College, Clarke College, Blue Mountain College, William Carey College and Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

The September meeting which largely takes the place of the December meeting in financial matters will enable the Board to present the Mission Program to the

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### 32 CHURCHES GRANTED BUILDING AID

Building aid was granted to 32 churches by the Convention Board at its September meeting. They are:

Waveland, Gulf Coast; Gulf Gardens, Gulf Coast; Mississippi City, Gulf Coast; Riverside, Jackson; Hurley, Jackson; Gainesville, Pearl River; Yale Street, Bolivar, Self Creek, Oktibbeha; Mt. Zion, Tishomingo; East Booneville, Prentiss; Parkview, Washington; Laurel Hill, Neshoba; Fellowship, Choctaw; Driver's Flat, Calhoun; Providence, Attala; Liberty, Monroe; Holly Bluff, Yazoo; Coat, Simpson; Harmony, Warren; East Columbia, Marion; Cold Springs, Covington; Salem, Marshall; Trinity, Itawamba; Crosby, Mississippi; Friendship, Oktibbeha; Mt. Pisgah, Choctaw; Piney Grove, Prentiss; New Hope, Benton; Ebenezer, Holmes; Zion Hill, Mississippi; Galilee, Copiah; Indianola Mission, Sunflower.



The photographer took the above shot of the state Convention Board just after it convened Monday afternoon of this week. Although there were several Board members absent there were several visitors present.

Seated on the front row are: (left to right) N. R. Paschal, Grenada; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, recording secretary; Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany, president; and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

## Home Mission Board Oks Executive Committee Loan

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Home Mission Board has been granted permission to borrow three million dollars from Atlanta banks for the purpose of relending to churches under its Church Extension Loan Fund. Approval of the loan was given by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in a special called meeting here Sept. 8. The money will be repaid over an eight year period, the first note of \$300,000

becoming due December 31, 1956. The money will be loaned to churches at an interest rate of not less than five per cent.

A special committee of five was appointed in June to consider the plan. Following the reading of a majority report calling for adoption, Carl E. Bates, Texas, made a motion that the report be adopted. He pointed out that the action was demanded by the new day Southern Baptists face. He was fol-

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**Home Mission**

(Continued from Page One) ways and means of creating a larger loan fund plan.

**W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi,** the fourth speaker, spoke in opposition. "We have never done mission work on borrowed money. To plunge into debt is breaking faith with people to whom we promised a few years ago that Southern Baptists would not again go into debt." He also said that the debts of local churches were not analogous to the plunging of the Convention into debt. He then cited the solicited opinions of some twenty-five pastors in his state, not one of whom he said was in favor of the project.

Then T. P. Pruitt, attorney from North Carolina spoke strongly in favor of the motion. "We are living in a new day. 1940 is out the window. In 1940 we had 250 million dollars worth of buildings. In 1953 Southern Baptists added 267 million dollars worth of buildings. If any agency of the denomination wants to present any proposal for borrowing money on a self-liquidating basis such as this then this Executive Committee ought to consider it."

**Dr. Louie D. Newton, Georgia,** dissenting member of the subcommittee offered a substitute motion asking that the Executive Committee decline approval of the loan because (1) It would approve and establish a new policy and pattern for which we find no authority in Scripture. (2) It would appear to weaken the structure of the Convention's business and financial plan. (3) It would not meet

**ATLANTA, GA. (BP)**—The Georgia Baptist Convention's Executive Committee adopted a total budget for 1955 of \$1,804,200, an increase of \$191,000 over the current year at the recent annual meeting of the committee. Final approval of the budget goes to the state convention meeting in November. The budget for 1954 would continue the 50-50 division with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The avowed minimum needs outlined by the Home Mission Board, thus implying subsequent appeals for further borrowing. (4) It would open the door for other agencies of the Convention to ask for similar authority to borrow funds. (5) It would, in our opinion, tend to dull the edge of all appeals to our people to adopt New Testament methods of stewardship, by which, we believe, all denominational interests should be supported and extended.

A vote was taken on Newton's substitute motion. It failed twenty-four to ten. Two of the thirty-six members present did not vote. Following the vote John A. Jones, Georgia advertising executive, spoke briefly stating that "borrowed money is hard to pay back." He also said that in the long run the debt would discourage the people from giving.

The question was called for, a voice vote was taken with numerous strong "ayes," and a sprinkling of "no's." C. C. Warren, North Carolina, president of the Executive Committee, declared the report adopted and approval granted.

**Foreigners Praise**

(Continued from Page One) Pakistan, also took a slap at American movies, declaring they "give an artificial picture of American life."

"They are very glamorous," he said. "They give a picture of people living in great hotels. I have found Americans very normal, living a normal family life."

**Too Materialistic**

But Miss Lydia Garrido, a Baptist youth consultant from Manila, the Philippines, said it seems that "things sometimes dominate" in America.

"You think too much about getting more things," she said. "You have a land of gadgets. Everything is for physical comfort."

Mrs. F. O. Bennett, a Presbyterian from New Zealand, said American newspapers give the impression the United States is a "loud and boisterous" country. But she said:

"They're really like other people. There are loud ones, but they aren't all that way."

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**TOMMY HUDSON IS LICENSED TO PREACH**

Tommy Hudson, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Hudson of Utica, was licensed to preach by the Utica church on Sunday morning, September 5. He will be a freshman at Mississippi College this fall.

**MRS. J. E. GORE**

Mrs. J. E. Gore, wife of the Superintendent of Missions of the Jasper County Baptist Association, died Friday, September 10 at the home of a son, Thomas P. Gore, in Laurel, after a year's illness.

Services were conducted on Saturday at Bay Springs Church, where she was a member, with Dr. Cecil W. Jones, the pastor, officiating and assisted by Dr. John F. Carter of Clarke College, Newton, Rev. Jimmy Hurt of Laurel, and Rev. J. L. Hughes of Bay Springs. Interment followed in the cemetery at Clinton.

Mrs. Gore was born at Manteo and had been active in the work of the church with her husband who served several different pastorates in Mississippi prior to becoming Superintendent of Missions of the Jasper Association in 1953. They were married in 1915.

Survivors are her husband; eight sons, Dr. A. L. Gore, Jackson; Major G. I. Gore with the Air Force overseas; E. A. Gore, Birmingham; J. E. Gore, Jr., Jackson; Sam M. Gore, professor of arts, Mississippi College, Clinton; Thomas P. Gore, Laurel; Bill Gore, a student at Mississippi College; and Van Gore, Bay Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Weed, Wiggin; and Mrs. H. D. Smith, Clinton; four sisters, Mrs. J. A. Hardin, Clarksdale; Mrs. Evans Griffin, Cleveland; Mrs. Jim Naron, Boyle; Mrs. J. B. Gore, Hohen Linden; two brothers, W. A. Pepper Maben; and W. G. Pepper, Manteo and 18 grandchildren.

**Attends Leadership Meet**

Johnny Goodwin of Utica, a sophomore Ministerial Student of Mississippi College, has returned from Camp Minawana, near Stony Lake, Michigan, where

he attended the American Youth Foundation Christian Leadership Training Conference as a delegate from Mississippi.

Johnny's attendance was made possible by a Danforth Scholarship, which was obtained partially through the efforts of Dr. Robert H. Spiro, professor of history at Mississippi College.

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**Jimmy Hodges Resigns To Complete Studies**

Rev. Jimmy Hodges, pastor of Shady Grove Church in Copiah County, has resigned effective September 12, in order to finish his last year at New Orleans Seminary.

After prayer meeting the night of September 8, the church sponsored a party for the pastor and family and showered them with gifts.

Shady Grove is a Four Star Church with every organization adequately staffed and working harmoniously. Choir chairs have recently been installed and the parsonage newly decorated.

# The Baptist Foundation Is Missions

Seven individuals have established funds on which the income is designated to Foreign Missions. Total amount—

**\$69,028.00**

Total amount held for the benefit of State Mission Causes—

**\$142,081.33**

The Baptist Foundation is a Missionary Agency in that it supports all our Missionary Institutions.

Income paid to Foreign Mission Board—

**\$1,752.30**

DR. HARRY LEE SPENCER  
Executive Secretary  
P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Amount accumulated and on hand—

**\$5,804.88**

This makes a total earned for Foreign Missions beginning in 1951—

**\$7,557.18**

The Baptist Foundation is solidly behind the Cooperative Program and believes in its purposes.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

## Send The Record; Help Your Students Choose The Best

Thousands of young people are either entering college for the first time or returning to college.

The years at college are among the most critical in a person's life. Many are away from home for the first time and for the first time have the responsibility of making their own decisions and choices.

The college student is faced with new influences and relationships and adjustments.

He may decide that since he is away from home that he will shirk his responsibility to the church and to right.

Or he may meet the test of his Christianity by choosing the best in each decision presented, by choosing to keep the best company, by choosing to become active in a church near the college, by choosing the right kind of reading.

The college student needs some help in choosing the best.

The continuing influence of a Christian home will follow him.

The BSU will seek to help him tie onto the church at college.

The home church has a definite responsibility toward the college student. The pastor should keep in touch with students. Former Sunday School teachers and Training Union leaders should send occasional messages to students. The church should recognize students when they come home on visits.

The home church should send the Baptist Record to each of its college students. Then, if letters fail to come each week, the Baptist Record will always be in the mailbox as a reminder that the church at home thought of him. He will find in it news of his home church, news of his college church, and news of his BSU activities. He will find in it articles that will enrich him spiritually, as a supplement to the studies which may be enriching him only intellectually.

Pastors and church members, remember to put your college students' names on your Baptist Record mailing list if you have not already done so. They need its influence in helping them to choose the best.

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## As Others Saw It

(Editor's Note: In order that our readers may get a cross section of Southern Baptist thought concerning the Southern Baptist Convention which recently met in St. Louis, we give below and will continue for a few weeks, some of the main thoughts of other Southern Baptist Editors. The editorial below, which is slightly condensed, is by Dr. Leon Macon, Editor of the Alabama Baptist).

On the whole the recent Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis, ran off smoothly and efficiently. There were some matters which drew some debate. None of these debates lasted

## A Plan for STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL

Oct. 31-Nov. 7

SUN	<b>31</b>	9:30 a.m.—Stewardship lesson in the Sunday school, using regular or Special Stewardship Lesson. 11:00 a.m.—Sermon— <i>We Have This Treasure</i> . 6:15 p.m.—Stewardship program in Training Union. See regular quarterly. 7:30 p.m.—Sermon— <i>Giving God's Way</i> .
MON	<b>1</b>	7:00 p.m.—Bible Study, <i>What the Bible Teaches on Stewardship</i> . 7:45 p.m.—Sermon— <i>The Church Budget, a Spiritual Plan</i> .
TUE	<b>2</b>	7:00 p.m.—Bible Study, <i>What the Bible Teaches on Stewardship</i> . 7:45 p.m.—Sermon— <i>Faithful in Our Partnership</i> .
WED	<b>3</b>	6:00 p.m.—Stewardship Banquet, where convenient. 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Also study use of Tithers Enlistment Visitation, 7:15 p.m.—Sermon— <i>Let Every One of You—Attendance at banquet and evening service promoted by Training Union, Woman's Missionary Society and young people's organizations</i> .
THU	<b>4</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m.—Visit for Tithers Enlistment Visitation or to secure high attendance on Sunday. 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study— <i>What the Bible Teaches on Stewardship</i> . 7:45 p.m.—Sermon— <i>Tithing Is An Act of Worship</i> .
FRI	<b>5</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m.—Visit in Tithers Enlistment Visitation or to secure big attendance on Sunday; or the alternative plan: 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study— <i>What the Bible Teaches on Stewardship</i> . 7:45 p.m.—Sermon— <i>Churches Are Stewards, Too</i> .
SAT	<b>6</b>	Pastor and those responsible for the Every Member Canvass complete details of the program. Be sure the people understand what to do and that enough pledge cards are provided.
SUN	<b>7</b>	11:00 a.m.—Sermon— <i>Immortal Money</i> . Victory Day. Committals to tithe. Pledges to budget. "Oversubscribe the increased budget in one day." 7:30 p.m.—Sermon— <i>A Greater Work</i> . Seek to report that the budget has been oversubscribed in this one day.

very long.

### Radio-Television Commission Wants New Site

Among the matters for the Convention to decide, which drew forth some discussion, was the matter of moving the Radio-Television Commission from Atlanta, Ga., to some other city. Some of the brethren in Georgia tried to block the move and were successful through one session, only to have the Convention reverse itself and give this Commission the right to seek a new location, and move to it this year if feasible. At first the Convention passed a resolution that the Commission would have to get the consent of the Executive Committee and the Convention to move. It reversed itself on the last item, that is, it voted for this Commission to move with the approval of the Executive Committee or the Convention.

It seems wise that the Convention left the matter this way since the Radio-Television Commission had been having some difficulty in getting full cooperation with outlets in Georgia. Then the Commission needs to move into an area where it would serve a better missionary purpose. Where it is now Baptists have their greatest strength numerically. If we move further west we will get more in our missionary territory, as well as being more centrally located geographically.

### Segregation Question Raises Debate

The Christian Life Commission made several recommendations, among which, three aroused some of the brethren. These three recommendations urged our people to conduct themselves as Christians during the period of adjustment which is ahead. The report asked that prayer and right attitudes be manifested.

Also in the recommendations it called for thorough support of our public school system in the nation in reference to the non-segregation decision.

We personally believe that segregation will continue on the whole, even as it is in the north where non-segregation has been practiced. It seems to be the general feeling of our people that these

matters will work themselves out naturally and normally if not pushed into any type of violence.

### Baptists Leap Another Boundary

A committee from the Washington-Oregon Baptists made a request to the Convention that those Southern Baptist agencies, who are supporting financially the workers in that area, be permitted to let their workers aid Canadian churches who are cooperating with Southern Baptist churches in that area. After each maneuver seeking to defeat such a move was voted down by the Convention, and after several speeches were made urging us not to interfere with Canadian Baptists, the Convention voted overwhelmingly to instruct our Home Board, and other agencies supporting Southern Baptist work financially in the Washington-Oregon area, to permit the workers to cooperate with the Canadian Baptist churches in setting up a Southern Baptist program in certain individual churches which are cooperating with this Southern Baptist State Convention.

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### We Shall See

A recent press dispatch stated that "a \$33,000 suit and padlock proceedings were on file by state and county officials against a Vicksburg wholesale liquor firm.

"Mrs. Thomas L. Bailey filed suit against Nasif Beverage Company under an old law which permits \$500 assessments for illegal liquor sales."

We shall watch with interest to see if this suit is pushed to the limit (\$33,000 is the amount sued for), or if upon payment of the black market tax the suit is dropped as was a similar suit in Vicksburg a few months ago.

In other words, is it law enforcement or the Black Market Tax that is sought?

## Our Readers Write

### DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

The sacredness of marriage vows, the sanctity of the home, the welfare of children and fidelity to scriptural teachings demand serious consideration and definite action concerning this growing evil. A casual survey reveals three groups of Baptist pastors with reference to performing marriage ceremonies for divorced persons. One group refuse to perform ceremonies for any divorcees. A second group favor the performance of ceremonies for the innocent party where the term "except for fornication, by resolution, to instruct the Trust-group ask no questions.

Baptist policy rightly prevents Associations and Conventions making rules governing churches in this matter. However, Associations and Conventions can protect themselves and, at the same time, set an example for the churches.

It would be well for our Convention and Associations to pass resolutions declaring persons guilty of the violation of the teaching of Jesus in Matt. 19:9 ineligible for membership in said Convention or Association, or to hold position on Boards or Standing Committees of such bodies.

It would also be well for the Convention, by resolution, to instruct the trustees and management of our Orphanage to refuse children from such parties and, should the Orphanage have any such children at the time the resolution is passed, to return such children to their parents. The orphanage is for the needy and should never become a convenience especially for those who defy the teachings of our Lord and Saviour. May these suggestions lead to some serious thinking, investigation and action concerning this serious menace.

—Bryan Simmons.

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### HE APPROVES ARTICLE

Darling, Mississippi.

A note of appreciation is a must for the article published in the Sept. 2 issue of The Baptist Record entitled "The Pastor In A Rural Community," by Rev. Troy Prince. It is the most complete and comprehensive treatise, either long or short, that I have read on the subject.

I feel that there needs to be more writing and more emphasis upon the rural church, its work, and its pastor by our associations, conventions, and especially in the organizational work because of the differences, sometimes contrasts, between rural and urban churches—for instance, the "summer slump" in urban churches contrasted to "winter slump" in rural churches.

PAUL HARWOOD, Pastor,  
Darling Baptist Church.

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**Convention Board**

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Convention for its consideration and adoption. The messengers will thus be able to inform the churches of our missionary needs and program and thus lead in promoting the worldwide program of Mississippi Baptists.

Budgets for the various departments and other missionary projects were adopted as follows:

	Suggested Budget	Budget 1953-54	Budget 1954-55
Church Building Fund . . . . .	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Emergency Building . . . . .	1,000.00	1,000.00	
B. S. U. Campus . . . . .	19,420.00	21,400.00	
B. S. U. Department . . . . .	14,270.00	15,520.00	
Sunday School . . . . .	24,870.00	27,690.00	
Training Union . . . . .	24,870.00	27,545.00	
Brotherhood Department . . . . .	14,340.00	23,725.00	
W. M. U. Department . . . . .	8,100.00	8,325.00	
Rural Church Work . . . . .	10,465.00	10,785.00	
Music Department . . . . .	10,315.00	10,680.00	
Negro Work . . . . .	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Dept. of Negro Work (Incl. BSU) . . . . .	14,630.00	14,900.00	
Indian Work . . . . .	2,500.00	3,000.00	
Pastoral Aid . . . . .	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Convention Expense . . . . .	1,800.00	3,000.00	
Board & Committee Meetings . . . . .	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Evangelistic Conference . . . . .	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Promotion & Tracts—SM . . . . .	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Associational Missions & Area Miss. . . . .	26,000.00	34,000.00	
Historical Society . . . . .	650.00	650.00	
Preacher Bible School . . . . .	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Temperance . . . . .	10,000.00	5,000.00	
Rel. Ed. Assoc. Inst. . . . .	200.00	250.00	
Sanatorium . . . . .	600.00	900.00	
Chinese Missions . . . . .	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Penitentiary . . . . .	250.00	250.00	
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$236,680.00</b>	<b>\$252,320.00</b>	

The suggested State Mission budget shows an increase of \$15,640.

Social Security on a voluntary basis for Baptist Building employees was considered by the Executive Committee and referred to the Policy Committee for a thorough study and to report to the pre-Convention meeting of the Convention Board.

Other recommendations of the Executive Committee were that:

1. We participate in the new Board Employees Plan on the same basis as pastors, of 5 percent, and that the Convention Board share equally in the Widows Plan step-up (at 50 years of age) and the Convention shall pay the remaining cost.

2. We participate in the plan for a Baptist Encyclopedia and that the suggested allocation of \$680.00 be paid at the proper time.

3. The promotion of R. A. Work be transferred to the Brotherhood Department beginning November 1, 1954 and that the resolutions of the Executive Committee of the W.M.U. be accepted as follows:

(1) The R. A. promotion committee will be the Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood, Executive Secretary of W.M.U., Royal Ambassador Secretary and Young People's Secretary. This committee to function until the complete transfer of Royal Ambassadors be consummated.

2) Initial plans for promotion of R.A. on a local level will be made by the promotion committee, assisted by representative advisory committee, not to exceed twelve in number, of pastors, Brotherhood members and W.M.U. members. This advisory committee to be selected by the promotion committee. The expense of the Advisory Committee to be shared jointly by any Baptist church of any kind.

## October Calendar Of Activities

- 10—Layman's Day.
- 24—State Mission Day in Sunday School.
- 29-31—State BSU Convention.
- 31—November 7—Christian Stewardship Week.



REV. JOSEPH TRIPLETT

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. Sept. 9—Shown above is Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, who became pastor of the Lowrey Memorial Church at Blue Mountain, September 1.

A native Mississippian, he came to Blue Mountain from the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Marion, Alabama.

Mr. Triplett is a graduate of Mississippi College, and his wife, the former Charlotte Van Landingham of West Point, graduated from Blue Mountain College.

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## A Catechism Of Bible Teaching

BY DR. JOHN A. BROADUS  
LESSON V. THE SAVIOUR

1. Who is the Saviour of men? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Saviour of men.

2. Was Jesus himself really a man? Yes, Jesus Christ was really a man; he was the son of Mary.

3. Was Jesus the son of Joseph? No, people called Jesus the son of Joseph, but he was really the Son of God. Luke 1:35.

4. Can you give any express statement that Jesus was God? "The Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." John 1:1, 14.

5. What then is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is both God and man, the God-man.

6. How does this fit Jesus to be the Saviour of men? Jesus the God-man can stand between men and God as Mediator.

7. Can you tell the meaning of the two names, Jesus Christ? Jesus means Saviour, and Christ means Anointed, like the Hebrew word Messiah. Matt. 1:21; John 4:25.

8. What did Christ do on earth for us? Christ taught the highest truths, he lived as a perfect example, and he died and rose again to redeem us.

9. What is Christ doing now for us? Christ dwells in his people, intercedes for them, and controls all things for their good. John 14:23; Heb. 7:25; Matt. 28:18.

10. What will Christ do hereafter for us? Christ will come a second time and receive us unto himself, to be with him for ever. John 14:3; Heb. 9:28.

11. What must we do to be saved through Jesus Christ? We must believe in Christ, must turn from our sins to love and obey him, and must try to be like him.

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS

a. How did Christ take our place?

## 327 Churches Have Returned Committal Cards For Stewardship Revival, 1954

327 churches in the state have returned committal cards saying they will participate in Stewardship Revival Oct. 31-Nov. 7 or nearest convenient date, it has been revealed by Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

Interest in the observance is mounting as additional commitment cards continue to come in and as associational organizations plan Stewardship rallies.

It is evident that many churches planning to participate have not

sent in their committal cards. These are urged to do so at once. Calls for materials for Stewardship Week are pouring into the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

One association, Perry, has already reported enlistment for 100 percent participation with others nearing the mark.

Committal cards have been received from every association except five, indicating the state-wide interest.

### Clayton New Pastor Of Trinity Church

Rev. Victor Clayton, formerly of Red Bay, Ala., and associational superintendent of missions of Franklin County, Ala., has accepted the call of Trinity Church, Fulton.

He will succeed Rev. William Beam, who resigned to accept work in the Far West.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

September 20 — Brice Evans, Clarke College faculty; Rev. Roy Self, Madison-Yazoo Associational Missionary.

September 21 — Rev. J. D. Lundy, Jackson Associational Training Union Director; Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings.

September 22 — N. S. Hand, Lexington, Perry Associational Organizer of Evangelism; Mrs. G. C. Huggins, Lafayette Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

September 23 — N. S. Hand, Lebanon Associational Brotherhood President; Lenno Powell, BSU President, Mississippi College.

September 24 — Tommie Boggan, Baptist Building; Mary Edythe Bullock, Hinds Junior, State BSU Publicity Chairman.

September 25 — M. P. Moore, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; Dr. T. E. Ross, Trustee, William Carey College.

September 26 — Promotion Day in Sunday School; R. M. Sumrall, Lamar Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

He who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might become righteous in God's sight through him. 2 Cor. 5:21.

b. Was Christ's work necessary to make God willing to save men? No, Christ simply made it right that God should save those who trust in him. Romans 3:26.

c. What was the origin of Christ's mission to save? The origin of Christ's mission to men was in God's pitying love for the world. John 3:16; I John 4:10.

d. Does God offer to save all men through Christ? Yes, whosoever will may have salvation without cost. Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

e. Ought we to make this salvation known to all men? Yes, it is our solemn duty to carry the gospel to all nations. Luke 24:47.

f. How can we carry the gospel to distant lands? We can go ourselves as missionaries, or help to send others.

### Beulah (Hinds Co.) Ordains Minister



REV. GILMER JOLLEY

Rev. Gilmer Jolley, who has been called as pastor of Rock Branch Church, Newton, County was ordained to the full gospel ministry at Beulah Church, Brownsville recently.

Dr. William P. Davis, pastor of Flora Church, was the interrogator; Rev. C. B. Blevins of Duffie Church gave the charge; Rev. John C. Gould of Lula Church led the ordination prayer.

Rev. Charles R. Williams, pastor of Beulah Church brought the ordination message. The newly ordained minister led the closing prayer.

Mr. Jolley will be a student at Clarke College this fall. He is married and the father of two children.

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### WALNUT GROVE PASTOR GOES TO MARS HILL

Rev. Rutledge Courtney has resigned the pastorate of Walnut Grove Church in Leake County to accept the pastorate of Mars Hill Church in Amite County. The change is to be effective on October 1.

Previously pastor of Zion Hill Church in Copiah County, Mr. Courtney has been pastor at Walnut Grove for three and one-half years. During this time there have been 94 additions to the church.

The church plant has been renovated, the grounds landscaped, and the Sunday School departmentalized.

While at Walnut Grove, Mr. Courtney has served two terms as Associational Moderator and State Board Member.

## Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary  
JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

### CLINIC SPEAKER



DAVID MASHBURN

Shown above is David Mashburn, Associate Secretary, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn. who will discuss Basic Brotherhood Procedure the week of October 18-22 in connection with the 20 Brotherhood Clinics which are to be held September 27-October 29. Mr. Mashburn will speak at the following meetings.

October 18, Immanuel, Natchez.  
October 19, First, Meridian.  
October 21, Highland, Laurel.  
October 22, First, Brookhaven.

### ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Eudora Brotherhood in DeSoto Association has an enrollment of four and held one meeting. They have put up two church signs, sent nine boys to R. A. Camp, conducted cottage prayer meetings before the revival and had a man-boy meeting. Reported by Thomas Eambest.

Sardis in Panola Association has an enrollment of 25 and held three meetings last month. They have just completed their Brotherhood organization and are meeting ev-

ery Wednesday night. Reported by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Houghton.

Crosby Brotherhood in Mississippi Association has an enrollment of 25 and held four meetings. They helped promote the building fund for the church building and provided transportation for all church activities. Reported by A. N. Terral.

Pilgrims Rest in Panola Association has an enrollment of 14 and held four meetings. They send letters to the members of the church that are in service, sponsor membership visitation program and help with the repair work of the church. Reported by Albert Barnett.

First Baptist, Laurel in Jones Association has an enrollment of 63 and held 1 meeting in August. They visited county home for aged people, donated \$200 to a student in Mississippi College and voted to send one student to a Christian College for 2 years to study Religious Education. Also, voted to sponsor Royal Ambassador work. Reported by R. E. (Tony) Parker, president.

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### Southside Columbus Active in Mission

Southside Church, Columbus, during the weeks of August 23rd through September 3rd conducted a Vacation Bible School and a Revival. At their Bell Avenue Mission.

Enrollment reached 70. Approximately 55 certificates were given for faithful attendance.

Miss Louise Culpepper and Mr. Judd Harper were the directors of the School.

The revival services were conducted by Rev. Cornelius De Block, pastor.

## Publicity For 1955 Revivals Is Soon To Be Available



JOHN ALDEN

Shown above is John L. Alden, Jr. who has been made supervisor of the Order Processing Section at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Alden, former educational director of the Coliseum Place Church, New Orleans, is a graduate of Mississippi College. He came to the Sunday School Board in 1951 from the Baptist Book Store in Jackson and prior to that time he was an employee of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger.

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### Senatobia Church Sends In Supplemental Gift Of \$500 For Coop Program

The First Church of Senatobia, Dr. Clyde Martin, pastor, sends in a supplementary Cooperative Program offering of \$500.

This offering is 'over and above' its regular offering and is sent to apply toward reaching our \$1,500,000 objective this year.

Union Church, Clarke County, Rev. Deb Stennis, pastor, had previously sent a supplementary Cooperative Program contribution.

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### GAUTIER TO OBSERVE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

First Church of Gautier will observe its 12th anniversary on Sunday, September 19.

The pastor, Rev. Paul Kirke will preach in the morning services. The first pastor of the church, Rev. J. L. Reeves of Truitt Memorial Church, Jackson, will preach the Anniversary sermon at p.m.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. All friends and former members are cordially invited.

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The many friends of Dr. G. Othell Hand will be interested in knowing that he resigned the pastorate of the Calvary Church in Richmond, Virginia, where he has served for four years, in order to accept the pastorate of the Avondale Church in Jacksonville, Florida. This church is located in the fashionable Avondale and Ortega community and has an active membership of more than 1200 and is nearing the completion of a half-million dollar sanctuary and educational building. They now have plans for a five-star program of weekly worship services, comprehensive Christian education, membership training, youth activities, and perennial evangelism.

By Dr. C. E. Wilbanks  
Director of Evangelism

New publicity has been designed for the Southern Baptist Convention's 1955 simultaneous revivals. A Committee was appointed in St. Louis to work on publicity for 1955. It met in Glorieta July 26. Its report was adopted by the secretaries of evangelism present.

During Evangelism week at Ridgecrest the materials were received and adopted unanimously by secretaries of evangelism present there. The design which will appear on all pieces, from bill board size to post card size, pictures our flag, an open Bible and an open church. These are emblematic of Bible-centered, church-centered evangelism wherever our flag flies in the breeze from Panama to Alaska. It was conceived by the Mississippi member of the Committee, and reproduced in red, white and blue artistic form by Mr. Howard Vance Collum, Commercial artist and Printer, of Meridian. Dr. C. E. Matthews declared it to be "The most beautiful set of advertising I have seen anywhere for any religious movement."

Therefore, pastors, churches, and steering committees, you may be sure that advertising to catch the eye, is available soon. Keep the information given below.

1. Billboards. All orders must be in by January 1. It is said there are 500,000 bill boards. Use them.

2. Church bulletin-board sign, on cloth, rain proof. Fits bulletin board, or may be anchored on posts or stakes, in front of church. Order by February 1.

3. Streamer to go across street. Cloth and letters, rainproof. Orders must be in by February 1.

(These three items to be ordered from Sunday School Board, Nashville). All other items, from book stores.

4. Window cards, - with place for local announcements.

5. Taxi cards to be placed on taxicabs. Billboard design; reduced. Orders must be in January 1.

6. Directional arrows; "Baptist Revival", day glo.

7. Car bumper signs. (Unchanged).

8. Blotters, identical billboard design, reduced; to be given out by census takers.

9. Post cards, identical design as on billboards and blotters.

10. Table cards for restaurants, cafes, and dining rooms; same design as bill boards, blotters and post cards.

11. Mat service for newspapers and church bulletins. They will be in the following sizes: full page, half page, fourth page, and bulletin service size. The state secretaries of evangelism will order these mats and supply them to the pastors.

12. Folders describing this publicity material and giving the prices of the material will be provided the state secretaries of evangelism. Each secretary will receive enough of these folders by October 1 to mail one to each pastor in his state. These folders will be mailed out as soon as they are received.

## Myers Licensed By Madden Church

Sunday morning, September 12, Roy Myers was presented a certificate of license by the Madden Church in Leake County. The 20-year-old minister preached the sermon.

Roy graduated from East Central Junior College, at Decatur, this past spring along with his twin brother, Troy, where both were very active in the B. S. U. program. They have had two summer's experience with the State Training Union Department teaching study courses. Both Roy and Troy have supplied in several churches in east central Mississippi. They are at present enrolled in Mississippi College.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Myers of Madden.

George Canzoneri is the pastor of the Madden Church.

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## TV Workshop To Be Held October 5

The third annual Southern Baptist Television Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 5, on the Southwestern campus, Fort Worth, Texas.

Designed to acquaint interested persons with better methods of staging religious television programs, the workshop will be a one-day session.

On Monday night at 7:30 o'clock prior to the workshop, there will be a tour of the studios of WBAP-TV in Fort Worth. General Manager Roy Baccus and Luther Adkins, coordinator of religious programming, will be in charge of the tour and the question and answer period which will follow.

Although the sessions are primarily intended for pastors, educational directors, music directors and others within the church organization who are interested in television production, the public is cordially invited to attend.

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## MASS MEETING AT MOUNT OLIVE

Christian Citizenship was the topic for discussion at the Mass Meeting of Mississippi Associational Baptist Training Union recently at Mount Olive Baptist Church. There was a total attendance of 155 with 16 churches represented according to information from Mrs. Matt Duck, the Associational Director.

The efficiency banner and the attendance banner were awarded to Oak Grove Church and the mileage banner was given to Pioneer Church. Special music was rendered by the Woodville Church with Rev. David Irby of Crosby leading the devotional. A feature of the meeting was a panel discussion of Christian citizenship, led by Rev. L. G. Conway of Mars Hill, with Miss Tillie Causey, Mr. M. E. Causey, Mr. Ira Jenkins and Rev. O. B. Beverly serving as members of the panel.

## Associational Officers' Planning Meetings Scheduled

This year we are having three associational officers' planning meetings instead of one central meeting as in previous years. It will be an afternoon and night program this year so that all may attend. Here is the schedule of these meetings.

November 9, First Baptist Church, Oxford.

November 11, First Baptist Church, Canton.

November 12, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

All associational officers should begin now working toward full representation at this meeting.

## Charleston Takes Prominent Place at Assembly

Pastor Landrum Leavell of First Baptist Church, Charleston along with a group of fourteen others from the church (eight of whom are Adults) were noticeably present for the Second Training Union Assembly at Garaywa in August.

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**'TOMAHAWK' DEDICATED TO DR. M. P. L. BERRY**

Dr. M. P. L. Berry, administrative assistant of the Mississippi College faculty has been honored by the students who have chosen him to be the recipient of the dedication of the 1954 "Tomahawk."

The Tomahawk is the pocket sized handbook which serves as a general information booklet for the new students.

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**EL BETHEL (TIPPAH)  
HOLDS REVIVAL**

There were 12 additions, six for baptism and six by letter, and 4 rededications in the recent revival at El Bethel in Tippah Association.

Rev. Leland Hall, who was licensed four months ago by Fellowship Church in Tippah County, was the evangelist.

Rev. W. B. May is the pastor.

**Savoy Mission Becomes Lauderdale Church**

Another Baptist Church came into being Sunday when the Savoy Mission was organized under the sponsorship of the Lauderdale County Baptist Association, with the Brotherhood of the Mt. Horeb Baptist Church assuming the responsibility.

Members of the new congregation of Mt. Horeb did most of the actual work on the building.

Approximately \$1,000 of associational funds have gone into the purchase of the property and erection of the building. The remainder of the funds expended in the work was contributed by local people.

The new frame building has a seating capacity of 170. The Rev. F. A. Collins of Clarke College is the full time pastor.

The organization program was directed by Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, moderator of the Lauderdale County Association and the Rev. W. H. Henderson, chairman of the associational missions committee, delivered the sermon.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS**

School	Enrol-	Off-
	ment	ering
Bethlehem (Jones)	145	\$15.23
Yazoo City First	275	27.00
Everett (Simpson)	58	12.94
Toomsula	97	16.00
Mt. Vernon (Zion)	73	6.39
Benette (Negro)	22	1.00
Pleasant Grove (Lincoln)	105	12.89
Sumrall	131	20.00
Greenville First and Northside Mission	112	17.46
New Prospect (Alcorn)	29	3.61
Springdale (Attala)	80	10.00
Union (Smith)	84	8.00
Terry's Creek (Pike)	133	55.00
Terry's Creek (Negro)	134	45.00
Old Oak Grove (Union County)	59	7.07
Hernando (Negro)-held in Pleasant Grove Methodist dist.	161	21.46
Eudora	121	16.26
Bethlehem (Yazoo)	94	6.18
Concord (Franklin)	112	20.00
Navilla (Pike)	156	14.58
New Hope (Tate)	99	1002
New Hope (Tate)	99	10.02
Bethel (Winston)	46	6.33
Providence (Carroll)	24	2.50
Louise	93	22.37
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette)	101	18.98
Barton (George)	102	18.50
Philadelphia (Lafayette)	45	13.12

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Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, will be the principal speaker at a Leadership Retreat for First Church, Brookhaven, scheduled to be held Sept. 30 at Percy Quin State Park. Rev. Brooks Wester is pastor.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School of Nola Church, Sonntag. Average attendance was 42. Rev. W. T. Dixon, Jr., is the pastor.

**100 Churches Leading In Total Mission Gifts Nov. 1-July 31**

1. Jackson, First	\$55,999.98	46. Batesville, First	6,394.38
2. Jackson, Calvary	41,440.05	47. Carthage	6,331.61
3. Columbus, First	34,752.50	48. Meridian, Southside	6,277.27
4. Gulfport, First	30,528.17	49. Corinth, First	6,171.08
5. Meridian, First	28,273.25	50. Durant, First	6,121.33
6. Tupelo, Calvary	24,013.61	51. Amory	5,971.24
7. McComb, First	20,880.08	52. Newton, First	5,913.11
8. Jackson, Parkway	20,572.36	53. Itta Bena, First	5,885.48
9. Meridian, 15th. Ave	19,218.36	54. Forest	5,877.32
10. Brookhaven, First	18,938.23	55. Jackson, Alta Woods	5,870.30
11. Laurel, First	18,553.93	56. Holly Springs, First	5,750.92
12. Grenada, First	17,074.83	57. Jackson, Northside	5,537.46
13. Hattiesburg, First	15,045.94	58. Indianola, First	5,484.56
14. Hattiesburg, Main St.	14,866.10	59. Charleston, First	5,442.01
15. Picayune, First	14,775.09	60. Drew, First	5,334.63
16. Pascagoula, First	14,682.73	61. Jackson, Van Winkle	5,299.98
17. Kosciusko, First	13,749.37	62. Meridian, 41st. Ave.	5,283.17
18. Crystal Springs, 1st.	13,386.51	63. Eupora, First	5,081.83
19. Clinton	13,227.83	64. Clarksdale	5,056.26
20. Canton, First	13,063.26	65. Philadelphia, First	4,878.73
21. Vicksburg, First	13,028.74	66. Lucedale, First	4,721.92
22. New Albany, First	12,937.05	67. Liberty	4,717.26
23. Greenwood, First	12,850.94	68. Wiggins	4,559.58
24. West Point, First	12,720.46	69. Blue Mountain, Lowery Memorial	4,541.65
25. Yazoo City, First	12,318.22	70. Oxford, First	4,423.82
26. Columbia, First	10,920.27	71. Tunica, First	4,130.37
27. Jackson, Daniel	Memorial	72. Booneville, First	4,109.03
	10,644.57	73. Marks, First	4,096.52
	10,257.85	74. Laurel, Second Ave.	4,089.70
	9,584.61	75. Sardis, First	4,053.93
	9,550.91	76. Jackson, Crestwood	4,041.77
	8,918.46	77. Winona, First	3,863.64
	8,442.70	78. Tutwiler, First	3,838.86
	8,438.25	79. Waynesboro, First	3,779.60
	8,008.76	80. Monticello, First	3,736.12
	8,003.86	81. Bay Springs	3,712.41
	7,933.83	82. Magee	3,662.71
	7,585.63	83. Water Valley, First	3,661.00
	7,565.43	84. McComb, South	3,577.22
	7,522.07	85. McComb, Central	3,512.37
	7,519.84	86. Ruleville, First	3,509.29
	7,365.94	87. Union, First	3,483.46
	7,314.48	88. Laurel, West	3,473.62
	7,311.03	89. Prentiss, First	3,471.73
	7,307.99	90. Clarksdale, Oakhurst	3,468.53
	6,471.02	91. Jackson, Broadmoor	3,464.55
		92. Shelby, First	3,446.36
		93. Tupelo, First	3,363.03
		94. Meridian, Highland	3,318.29
		95. Florence, Steens Creek	3,235.72
		96. Petal Harvey	3,165.65
		97. Jackson, Griffith	3,092.47
		Memorial	3,082.42
		98. Moss Point, East	3,050.91
		99. Bunker Hill (Marion)	3,045.04

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**OBSERVE PROMOTION DAY**

Sunday, September 26, is Promotion Day in the Sunday School.

It is one of the most important days in the entire year for a school. It is the time when the entire set-up for the new year is worked out on a graded basis. It is the time when the newly elected officers and teachers take their places for the new year.

Brother Superintendent, do not let this great day pass without getting the most from it for your school. Observe it properly with a great program for the day. It will get you off right for another year.

Yes, September 26, is the day.

**ATTENTION, INTERMEDIATE WORKERS!!!**

There has been a change in the recommended class organization for Intermediates. The new pamphlet, "Action for Intermediates Through Service," tells all about it. That puts the old Standards of Excellence out of date. The new Standards are now ready.

Two other new pamphlets are now available. They are: "Achieving Spiritual Goals with Intermediates" (a guide for the superintendent and other department officers), and "Living and Learning With Intermediates" (a guide for the teacher).

All these new materials are now ready, free of charge, from the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

**AND STILL THEY GROW BY FOLLOWING THE LAWS**

Yes, it just seems to work out that way. By following the laws of growth, we reap the right results.

Here are some of the latest testimonies we have had along this line:

Petal, First: An increase in enrollment of 41 per cent since last October 1. If every school did that, we could easily reach our goal for the year.

Rev. A. T. Walker is the pastor and H. I. Hardy the superintendent.

**Magee:**

The first Sunday for a class of men, 25-30 years of age, there were ten present, and it continues to grow. New classes grow faster and reach more people now unreached.

The pastor is Rev. J. B. Smith

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**Canton, Center Terrace:**

The enrollment this year has gone from 310 to 507, or 23 percent. Brother, that's success anywhere.

Rev. Sollie I. Smith is pastor and H. E. McKay the superintendent.

**Grenada, First:**

Expanded from 12 to 24 departments, with many new classes, and the adults fully graded, so says Herbert Batson, director of education. He also adds, "We are thrilled at the response, and we find that we have not experienced any summer slump."

Dr. John W. Landrum is pastor and Archie Mitchell the superintendent.

**Mendenhall:**

Enrollment this year has increased from 464 to 577, a gain of 113, and more to come before the end of the year.

Pastor N. F. Davis, Jr., writes that they attribute this increase largely to these factors—A new class for 17-year girls; a new class for married ladies 17-24; grading the Adult department with a class for each ten-year age span; later re-grading all the Adults and making two departments, one from 25-44, and one from 45 and above, and setting up classes on a five-year span, or a total of 19 adult classes, using the library, pastor's study, kitchen, pastor's living room, and the two auditoriums for classes.

The average attendance in July was 338, as against 271 the previous July. Their people are grateful for the challenge of "A Million More in '54."

Wayne Mangum is the superintendent.

Yes, if we will only use the tried and proven methods of building Sunday schools, the results will be gratifying. Let's follow the laws of growth.

**AWARDS RECORD FOR JULY, 1954**

No. awards for July ..... 733  
 No. awards to date ..... 22,986  
 No. churches to date ..... 475  
 No. associations to date ..... 74

**HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS**

Hinds ..... 148  
 Jones ..... 134  
 Lowndes ..... 53  
 Newton ..... 52  
 Gulf Coast ..... 40

**HIGH FIVE CHURCHES**

Jackson, Broadmoor ..... 78  
 West Laurel ..... 54  
 Columbus, First ..... 53  
 Newton, First ..... 52  
 Terry ..... 35

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 Dr. James E. Southerland, pastor First Church, Oxford, will be the evangelist for the revival scheduled at Stonewall Church Sept. 19-20. Rev. William H. Ross, pastor, will lead the music.

Liquid CAPUDINE



Shown above are the candidates for baptism and their pastor following the recent revival at Schooner Valley Church in Chickasaw County. Left to right they are Shirley Collums, Christine Williams, Deloise Usary, Elena Christman, Ilene Christman, Jim Bob Thomas, Mrs. Mary Collums, Mrs. Velmer Hamblen, Mrs. Caldona Sprayberry, Mr. Stafford, and Jim Bray, and the pastor, Rev. John Andrews.

Rev. Don Reed was the evangelist.

The eleven converts included one man of 86, another man of 60, and a lady of 72 years of age.

The Sunday following the revival the Sunday School attendance broke all previous records.

**N. O. SEMINARY ADDS SIX FACULTY MEMBERS**

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President, has announced the following additions to the faculty: Dr. Stanley Jackson Watson, Assistant Professor of Adolescent Religious Education; Mr. Claude H. Rhea, Instructor in Voice, History and Choral Technique; Dr. B. Gray Allison, Assistant Professor of Church History; Dr. V. Wayne Barton Assistant Professor in New Testament and Church History; Dr. J. B. McMinn, Assistant Professor of Philosophy of Religion; and Dr. Ben R. Lawton, missionary to Italy, the Visiting Professor of Missions. Professors Watson, Allison, and Barton are graduates of the New Orleans Seminary.

Construction of the new religious education building began in July. Estimated to cost \$43,000.00, the new building will be completed in the spring, but not in time for use this year. It is badly needed to house the greatly expanded facilities and staff of the School of Religious Education, Dr. John M. Price, Jr., Director.

The Seminary desires to answer the call of the churches for trained educational workers. An average of four requests per week arrive. Only a fraction of this number of workers are available. With the completion of the Religious Education Building, the ability of the Seminary to supply these workers will be greatly improved.

Students expecting to enter the Seminary during the 1954-55 session should remember that application for admission must be in the office of the Registrar one month before the term in which he enters. Applications for the second term must be received by October 16, for the third term by December 20, for the fourth term by April 22.

For catalogues and information, write to Dr. James C. Taylor, Registrar, or call him, FAirview 4455.

—BR—

Dr. James E. Southerland, pastor First Church, Oxford, will be the evangelist for the revival scheduled at Stonewall Church Sept. 19-20. Rev. William H. Ross, pastor, will lead the music.

**50, 40 & 25 Years Ago**

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

**50 YEARS AGO—**

The church at Wiggins has provided Pastor W. B. Holcomb with a new home worth \$1500.

Magee Church closed a great revival meet, Rev. J. R. Hobbs doing the preaching, resulting in 34 accessions. On the last day the church voted to go to half time and locate a pastor in their midst, and buy or rent a home for him and family.

**40 YEARS AGO—**

Rev. S. G. Pope of Richton did the preaching in the meeting of days with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, as assistant to Pastor J. C. Buckley, resulting in 30 additions, 24 of them for baptism.

**25 YEARS AGO—**

The Slate Springs Church revival closed with 28 accessions, 22 of them by baptism. Pastor J. B. Middleton was assisted by Rev. E. S. Flynt.

Pastor H. M. Harris reports a very successful revival meeting with the Berltonia Church, Yazoo county, in which Rev. Harry L. Martin of Lexington was the preacher, resulting in 24 additions, 15 of them for baptism.

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## Baptist Student Union

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ETHEL LAE WOOD, Office Secretary  
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MARY ANN RUSHING

(RIGHT)



MRS. MARVIN BOND

(ABOVE)

Pictured above are Miss Mary Ann Rushing, right, new BSU director for Holmes Junior College, and Mrs. Marvin Bond (Jean Faulkner) whom she succeeded July 1st.

We are thankful for the good work Mrs. Bond did and pray God's blessing upon Miss Rushing as she continues the work. Mrs. Bond is a graduate of Blue Mountain and Miss Rushing of Mississippi College.

### Some Do's . . .

As the time approaches for the opening of school, we in the Student Work might well remind ourselves that—

**Every Baptist student, and every lost student on our campus should be visited by spiritually prepared BSUers often.**

**Every Baptist student should see and read regularly the Baptist Record and the Baptist Student. All State BSU news is now in the Record.**

Many Baptist students should join the college town church and stay in the college center most of the weekends so that they can be greater influences for Christ on their campuses and so that they can mature emotionally as well. A student and his parents should recognize that he and the apron strings should soon part.

Enlistment is the watchword of the opening days of school. Enlist every Freshman, especially. Enlist every Baptist in the work of Christ. Enlist every lost student in Sunday School, at least, so that they may come to hear to know and to love Christ.

**Student Directors or Faculty Advisers, should SEND TIME AND PLACE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE GREATER COUNCIL and THE OTHER BSU MEETINGS to us right away, along with any changes in the officers for this school year.**

## New Member Class Now In Sixth Year

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—Sunday, August 22, marked the sixth anniversary of the beginning of the New Member Class in the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Homer G. Lindsay, pastor. This class taught by the pastor's wife has been going continuously without a break at the Training Union hour for six years. It requires six Sunday nights to complete the course, and an average of 350 complete the course each year. This is 70 per cent of those uniting with the church annually.

When members are received into the church the pastor stresses the fact that First Baptist Church expects them to enrol and complete the course, and then as a follow-up they receive a card the next week inviting them to attend the class. The attendance of each person is kept and those missing the class are contacted by the teacher the following week.

Baptism, the New Testament church, privileges, opportunities, and obligations of church membership, the church covenant, Baptist history and Baptist distinctives, salvation by faith, Scriptural baptism, and the proper observance of the Lord's Supper are some of the many things taught in the school.

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### OAK GROVE (HOLMES) ADDS 10 IN REVIVAL

Oak Grove in Holmes County, closed a revival meeting on August 9. There were 10 additions to the church, 7 for baptism and 3 by letter.

Rev. Willie Carpenter of Oil City was the preacher for the revival. Rev. Vollie Scott is the pastor.

Sunday, October 10, will be Homecoming Day and dinner will be served at the church.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Harmony (Carroll Co.) Sends List

A recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Harmony Church in Carroll County. Rev. Harvey Jones, Mississippi College student, is the pastor.

Record readers in Carroll County are now listed as follows: Harmony 12; Calvary 11; CARROLLTON 28; Leflore 1; LIBERTY 34; McCarley 8; MT. OLIVE 50; Mt. Pisgah 7; New Bethel 1; New Jerusalem 2; New Salem 6; NORTH CARROLLTON 40; Providence 11; VAIDEN 51.

### Lafayette Association

Lafayette Association held a two-day session September 7-8. The first day the meeting was held at Tula Church and the second day's meeting was held at Bay Springs Church. In 1955 three churches will share in entertaining the association. The first day's meeting will be held on September 6 at Taylor Church; the evening session at North Oxford and the Wednesday session at DeLay.

Officers selected are: Rev. Guy Futral, moderator; P. A. Waller, vice-moderator; Mrs. E. A. Young, clerk; Rev. J. D. Caples, Board member.

Rev. Paul Brown was named to preach the sermon and Rev. B. B. McGee, auditor.

The following resolutions were adopted and are being published against the writer's better judgment, but by request of the association:

"Moved, seconded, and voted that: The Lafayette County Baptist Association express gratitude to God, and appreciation to Brother A. L. Goodrich for his long, faithful, and efficient service to God through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and especially through the Baptist Record.

"The Association further assures Brother Goodrich of our prayers for God's continued blessings upon him."

Record readers in Lafayette County are now listed as follows: Bay Springs 9; ABBEVILLE 44; ANCHOR 28; Bethel 16; CLEAR CREEK 50; DELAY 28; NEW PROSPECT 71; OXFORD 84; Paris 1; SHILOH 21; TAYLOR 20; TULA 42; UNION, WEST 32; YELLOW LEAF 21; PHILADELPHIA 46; NORTH OXFORD 120; Matthew 12.

### Figures Reveal Value Of Baptist Record

In a recent issue of the Baptist Record there was published a list of the 100 churches leading in Cooperative Program gifts for the first nine months of the present Convention year. All but three of those 100 churches are Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY churches and the other three have good lists. And it is significant that you have to get down around the forties before you find a church that does not have a large Baptist Record list.

## BWA Executive Committee Plans For London Meeting In July 1955



The executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance met September 8-9 at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to make plans for the Golden Jubilee meeting of the BWA in London next July. Pictured are the officers of the Executive Committee: (left to right) Dr. Edward B. Willingham, pastor, National Heights Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. L. Jarvis, former president-general, Baptist Federation of Australia; Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Arnold T. Ohm, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. F. Townley Lord, pastor, Bloomsbury Baptist Church, London, England, BWA president; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. W. C. Smalley, former general secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada; and Mr. C. T. LeQuesne, London, England, Eastern Treasurer of the Alliance.

### Baptist Membership Totals 17,990,613 Methodists In Second Place With 11,641,891

Final 1953 statistics of American churches, released this week by Benson Y. Landis, editor, YEAR-BOOK OF AMERICAN CHURCHES, included the following:

- Church membership climbed two and one-half million to reach 94,842,845, or 50.5 per cent of the population. The 2.8 per cent gain compared with a United States population gain of 1.7 per cent.
- Protestants made up 35.1 per cent of the population, and Catholics 19.8 per cent.

- Catholics gained 4 per cent and Protestants 3 per cent. Protestants now number 55,837,325; Roman Catholics, 31,476,261; Jews, 5,000,000; Buddhists, 63,000.
- Although the report includes 255 religious bodies, 98.2 per cent of all church members are concentrated in seventy-seven groups. There are now eighteen bodies with more than one million members.

- About 85 per cent of Protestants are within nine general denominational families. Baptists are first with 17,990,613, divided among twenty-five bodies. Methodists are second with 11,641,891, divided among twenty-one denominations.
- Sunday School enrollment reached 35,380,466, a gain of 8.1 per cent. The number of clergymen increased to 207,618.

- Places of worship valued at \$474 million were built in 1953, compared with \$50 million in 1940.
- Average per-member contribution in Protestant and Orthodox churches was \$41.94, for a total of \$1,400,000,000, a gain of 8.9 per cent. Catholic giving pushed the total beyond \$2 billion.

(Editor's Note: Of course, the Catholic figures includes babies.)

### Twenty-Six Additions At Pearlhaven Meet

There were twenty six additions during the revival at Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, on August 22-29, seventeen on profession of faith and nine by letter.

Rev Gaston G. Mooney of Edgewater Church, New Orleans, assisted the Pastor, Paul Z. Ball, with Rev. Richard Stiltner of West Monroe, La., in charge of the music.

Many of the young people and adults did personal soul winning and was largely responsible for the wonderful spirit that existed throughout the meeting.

Just before the revival the church had a new roof put on the building.

### JONES CO. PASTORS ELECT OFFICERS

The Jones County Pastors' Conference has elected the following officers for the coming year: Rev. J. D. Tisdale, President; Rev. F. B. Mills, Vice-President; Rev. P. D. Lott, Secretary; Rev. G. E. Wells, Program chairman.

Regular meetings will be held on the Monday after the first Sunday each month with First Church, Laurel, as the meeting place.

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Rev. James L. Travis has resigned to the pastorate of Central Church in Brookhaven (his resignation to become effective on October 10).

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## Sparks &amp; Splinters

In the recent list of 100 churches leading in Cooperative Program contributions the church at Union was listed as No. 63. This was an error and should have been First Church, Winona, Rev. C. B. Hamlet III, pastor.

The Great Lakes Association, Chicago area, has constituted fifteen churches in this associational year. Kenneth E. Couch is associational missionary.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie G. Dunaway, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at 1008 Norvel Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Dunaway is a native of McComb.

Rev. Richard J. Sweetman has been serving during the summer as associate pastor at Wisconsin Avenue Church, Washington, D. C. Rev. James A. Bryant, Mississippian and formerly pastor in McComb, is the pastor. Mr. Sweetman is returning to his work at the New Orleans Seminary and any church looking for an associate, says Pastor Bryant, will find in him a most effective worker.

A Mississippi pastor was recently in another state in a revival meeting. He writes: "While in the meeting here I had the privilege of thumbing through several copies of the Baptist paper. I must say that I am proud of the Baptist Record."

Revival services were recently held at Community Church in Tippah Association. Rev. Lester E. Janes, Ripley, was the evangelist. Rev. W. B. May is the pastor. There were 12 additions, 11 by baptism, one by letter. This was the first revival meeting to be held at Community Church since its organization two years ago by Rev. W. B. Colter, Ripley.

Rev. L. J. Stoops, pastor of Elmo Church in Jefferson County has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the East Winnfield Church, Jayce, La.

J. D. Riddle, Texas Baptist church musician, died August 28. He had been director of the Church Music Department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. David Curtis Askew, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan who have been in the States on furlough, have left for their field of service and may be addressed at 16 of 308 Zakobacho, Hiroshima, Japan. Mr. Askew is a native of Sardis, and Mrs. Askew, the former Mary Lee Trenor, is a native of Houston.

Southern Baptists, and particularly Mississippians, are justly proud of the fact that two books by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, member of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty, have been selected as the Books of the Month by the Pastoral Psychology Book Club. These books have been reviewed in other issues of the Baptist Record, but their selection by this Book Club means a much wider circulation than otherwise, as it is quite an honor for any book to be so listed. Mississippians are justly proud because of the fact that Dr. Dobbins is a graduate of Mississippi College and a native of Mississippi.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: G. L. Welch, Braxton; Rev. Kenneth Roberts, Clinton; L. H. Burris, Weir; W. G. Gibson, Ruleville; Rev. M. G. Reedy, Ruleville; W. S. Carothers, Ruleville; Buddy Catledge, Moorhead; Rev. A. L. Finch, DeSoto; Don Cassell, Waynesboro; James Sledge, DeKalb; Rev. J. Harold Jones, Vicksburg.

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has reached a new enrollment record. At the close of the fall registration period 376 students had registered as against 348 for the same period last year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, have returned to the States on emergency leave due to the illness of Mrs. Cooper. They may be addressed care Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex. Mr. Cooper is a native of Itta Bena, and Mrs. Cooper is a native of Ludlow.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippine Islands, announce the birth of John Earl on August 26 in Baguio City. They have one 4-year-old daughter, Sandra Dean. Their address is P. O. Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines. Mr. Foster is a native of Jackson, and Mrs. Foster, the former Zelma Van Osdol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Van Osdol, Pascagoula, is a native of Montrose.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster, Jackson, are the paternal grandparents.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz., announced to the Executive Committee that met here in early September, that he will offer a motion before the December Executive Committee that the Committee recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention the creation of a special agency of the Southern Baptist Convention to handle the church building loan funds of the Convention.

Rev. Harold O'Chester, pastor of Carmel Church in Lawrence County, recently led a revival in Collins Road Church, Jacksonville, Florida. There were 17 professions of faith, 12 uniting with the church and five with nearby churches. There were four additions by letter. The Carmel Church has voted permission to Pastor O'Chester to attend the New Orleans Seminary in connection with his pastorate.

The Everett Church in Simpson County, of which Rev. J. A. McCain, Mississippi College student, is the pastor, began a Training Union the first Sunday in April and two months later the attendance had already doubled. That should be an incentive for other Training Unions throughout the state.

New Hope Church, Benton County recently held a series of revival services in which Rev. Lester E. Janes, Ripley, was the evangelist. There were 5 additions, 4 for baptism. Homecoming Day was observed on the beginning day of the meeting. A new church building is being planned. Rev. W. B. May is the pastor.

Herman L. King, superintendent of adult Sunday school work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, since 1948 has been promoted to the position of superintendent of administration in the Sunday School Department. His successor has not been announced.

## Robinson Street Plans Fall Revival Meeting



DR. DAVID GRANT

Dr. David Grant, pastor of First Church, Drew, will be the evangelist for the fall revival at Robinson Street Church, Jackson, which is to be held September 26-October 3.

Rev. W. A. Whitten, pastor of Richland Church, will lead the singing.

Rev. Leonard Holloway is the pastor.

The Utica Church is making plans to occupy their beautiful new church building on September 19. The church has been built and equipped for approximately \$65,000. The congregation is planning to move into the new building debt free. The only debt will be that of the new fixtures, pianos, ground improvement and carpets which will probably amount to about \$10,000.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Joe Lovelady, Mayersville; Mrs. Smith Sanders, Harperville; Mrs. G. C. McKay and Margaret, Harperville; Rev. A. J. Chandler, Summit; Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko; James O. Beasley, Mississippi College.

## Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson  
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON  
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR  
Royal Ambassador Secretary—JOEL RAY

### STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER SEPTEMBER 13-16

During those days we will be looking at our state. In the knowledge we gain, we will find many things to add to our prayer list. We will know definite needs and opportunities that need our definite prayers. As we look and as we will be constrained to give to help meet those needs. "Open Our Eyes" is the theme of the program and should be the prayer of each heart.

#### Large Attendance at WMS Camp

You read with interest of the more than 1400 women who attended one of the four days of camp. These were from 223 churches in 54 associations. This should be a good beginning for the new year's work.

#### Bible Distribution

Beginning October 1, 1954  
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This project is directed by the Negro Work Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The Bibles are to be distributed by Mississippi Baptist W.M.U. The project is mutually shared by 417,000 White Baptists and 450,000 Negro Baptists. The plan is to distribute 100,000 Bibles into Negro homes which do not have a Bible or only have a large family Bible which cannot be used by the members of the family. The goal for the first year is 40,000 Bibles distributed.

#### L. Where Bibles are secured.

The Negro Work Department is responsible for securing the Bibles. This Department has received gifts of 500 Bibles from the S. B. Board and 5,000 Bibles from the World Home Bible League. The World Home Bible League has promised to provide the entire 100,000. The League does not sell Bibles. These are given with the understanding that we will encourage individuals and organizations to make free-will offerings to assist the League in continuing its ministry of Bible distribution.

The Bibles will be distributed by Mississippi WMU. All requests for Bibles to be distributed will be directed to

WMU Office,  
Box 530,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

It is hoped that individuals and organizations requesting Bibles will contribute to the expense of dis-

tribution. It is suggested this be based on 50 cents per Bible. This will cover shipping charges from publisher to Jackson and from Jackson to those making distribution. Any surplus money will be given toward printing additional Bibles. IMPORTANT. In many areas of our state the need for Bibles will be very great—and it may be a financial burden for the White WMS to pay 50 cents for each Bible needed—if so, send what you can and order as many Bibles as needed:

#### H. HOW BEGIN.

1. The WMU president and community missions chairman present the need and opportunity to the WMU. Decide what you can and should do in this project.

2. Study suggested plans for the conference of White and Negro leaders. Discuss plans with your pastor and other White members to serve on the committee.

3. Set date for joint conference, extend invitation to Negro leaders. Request them to bring to the meeting a list of names and addresses of Negro families who do not have a Bible.

4. If there is more than one Baptist church in your town, the conference should be called by the WMU Associational Superintendent and Community Missions Chairman. This seems necessary in order to zone the area and prevent overlapping.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Joe Haigler; Olin C. Ray, Lanett, Alabama; Rev. M. L. Douglas, Wesson; Rev. Billy E. Roby, Sharon; Rev. D. A. Morton, Greenwood; Rev. B. E. Padgett, Kosciusko; Rev. E. Y. Soileau, Columbia; A. G. Graham, Guntown; Rev. E. D. Estes, Biloxi; L. O. Dewease, Walnut; R. E. Dillon, Tylertown; Rev. W. M. Averett, Richton; Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Cleveland; Dr. G. W. Land, Louin; Rev. Howard Moore, Booneville; Carey Sansing, West Point; F. H. Miller, DeKalb; W. E. Prout, Shelby; James B. Riley, Brooksville; H. M. Brooks, Mathiston; Mrs. Melvin T. Wilson, Kreole; George J. Edens, Pontotoc; Drew, Telaands, Memphis, Tennessee.

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Correction: An article in last week's issue of the Baptist Record had the wrong initials for the author. The article, "Biloxi Personnel Center," was written by Mrs. E. D. Estes, not Mrs. E. W. Estes.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

September 12, 1954

Jackson, South Side	401	176
Meridian, 41st Ave.	374	143
Laurel, First	613	184
Clarksdale	424	142
Petal Harvey	320	149
Laurel, Wildwood	201	84
Hattiesburg, Main Street	1025	397
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	427	180
Hattiesburg, 38th Avenue	212	140
Byram (Hinds)	178	151
Jackson, Robinson Street	239	71
Jackson, Parkway	1132	542
Jackson, First	1456	484
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	657	273
Jackson, Crestwood	601	391
Jackson, Highland	149	75
White Rock Mission	20	
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	153	100
Jackson, Calvary Mission	1437	386
Pearl (Rankin)	183	126
Jackson, Van Winkle Mission	67	78
Macedonia (Lincoln)	226	118
Ruleville	298	99
Hebron (Jones)	74	78
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	66	53
Brownsville, Beulah	85	81
Yazoo City, Calvary	201	124
Pascagoula, First	903	324
Main School	757	249
Jackson Avenue Chapel	70	40
McArthur Chapel	50	17
Orange Grove Chapel	26	18
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	36	28
Springfield (Scott)	153	83
Hurley (Jackson)	86	79
Richland (Rankin)	188	76
Elaine	167	101
Jackson, West	341	141
Jackson, Broadmoor	453	173
Kreole, First	103	50
Riverside (Jackson)	167	99
New Prospect (Lincoln)	138	102
Clarksdale, Riverside	251	93
Jackson, Ridgecrest	258	103
Glenfield (Union)	109	73
North Oxford	205	125
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	109	86
Houlka	105	62
Pelahatchie	196	92
Main School	171	25
McComb, Friendship	181	96
McComb, Locust Street	101	68
Brooklyn, First	102	77
New Sight (Lincoln)	141	84
Sumrall	105	39
West Point, Calvary	245	132
Crystal Springs	664	220
McComb, East	500	246
Newton, First	530	260
Purvis, First	302	282
Main School	282	20
Concord (Choctaw)	116	99
Hardy (Grenada)	122	101
Kosciusko, First	756	263
Main School	727	29
Longview (Oktibbeha)	134	110
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	465	140
Vicksburg, First	598	185
Itta Bena, First	213	69
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	225	27
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	57	54
Friendship (Jackson)	104	80
Olive Branch	165	91
Biloxi, First	564	212
Bay Terrace Mission	43	13
Biloxi, Trinity	185	48
Brookhaven, Central	130	84
Picayune, First	655	190
Jackson, North Side	551	161
Jackson, Van Winkle	553	266
Brookhaven, First	817	303

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—Searcy S. Garrison, pastor of Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, is to succeed Dr. James W. Merritt as executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia on December 31.

—BR—

Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School located at Pineville, Kentucky 34, Tennessee 13, Ohio at the close of the first week of its 1954-55 session. The students come from 14 states as follows: Kentucky 34, Tennessee 13, Ohio 5, North Carolina 5, Virginia 3, Missouri 3, South Carolina 2, Indiana 2, Georgia 2, Mississippi, Texas, Wisconsin, Alabama, and Arizona 1 each.

Main Church ..... 684 231

Southway ..... 90 46

Halbert Heights ..... 43 26

Aberdeen, First ..... 412 102

New Albany, First ..... 667 189

Mission ..... 61

Mt. Zion (Lincoln) ..... 164 87

Marks, First ..... 227 72

Canton, Center Terrace ..... 252 132

Natchez, Immanuel ..... 290 204

Grenada, First ..... 766 163

Spanish Ford ..... 55 46

Calhoun City, First ..... 365 144

Laurel, Highland ..... 241 110

Soso ..... 147 84

Hattiesburg, Temple ..... 595 163

Petal, First ..... 127 95

Bay St. Louis, First ..... 142 50

Columbia, First ..... 705 247

Main Church ..... 624 200

South Columbia Mission ..... 81 47

Brookhaven, Pearlhaven ..... 162 63

Hernando ..... 161 63

Columbus, East End ..... 274 112

Grenada, Emmanuel ..... 300 97

Main Church ..... 270 97

Futheyville Chapel ..... 30

Greenville, Second ..... 540 210

Gulfport, First ..... 992 292

Fair River (Lincoln) ..... 120 70

Morton (Scott) ..... 288 152

Main School ..... 269

Mission ..... 19

Concord (Franklin) ..... 72 76

Yazoo City, First ..... 526 152

Union, First ..... 385 143

Meridian, Highland ..... 516 168

Stonewall ..... 217 147

Tupelo, Harrisburg ..... 612 239

Gulfport, Calvary ..... 75 40

September 5, 1954

New Prospect (Lincoln) ..... 121 94

Charleston, First ..... 408 221

Calhoun City, First ..... 368 201

Glenfield (Union) ..... 116 100

Tupelo, East ..... 299 205

Spanish Fort ..... 69 47

Union Chapel (Chickasaw) ..... 83 77

Brookhaven, Pearlhaven ..... 173 62

Mt. Zion (Lincoln) ..... 185 102

Meridian, South Side ..... 417 166

Soso, First ..... 142 66

Wheeler Grove (Alcorn) ..... 160 164

Hardy (Grenada) ..... 103 108

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## Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For September 19.

**GROWING IN CHRISTIAN LOVE**

Bible Texts: Matthew 5:43-48; 18:21.

**I. THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE**

LOVE

In this as in all other spheres of the arena of life, our Lord is the supreme exemplifier. Paul in II Corinthians 8:9, said "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich." Here we have set forth the supreme example of Christian love. As very God of very God, our Lord Jesus in His humiliation, His living, His self-renunciation, His death, His resurrection and ascension, His kingly session at the right hand of the Majesty on high, and His priestly intercession, but set forth and sets forth the Christly truth in the words of John 3:16.

We need to note some points of distinction between the meaning of the love of God, of Christian love as expressed in these passages and our ordinary conception of love as held among people, ordinary people, people ruled by natural sentiments and emotions here in this world.

That which people ordinarily mean when they pronounce the word "love" is a sentiment more or less tender and enduring evoked by the attractiveness of its object. "Boy meets girl" and they fall in love. Something attractive in each to the other draws them together, and the same rule holds through all of life.

Men on the same level of living, with the same ideals, liking the same things, enjoying the same sports, recreations, kinds of work, find themselves to be kindred spirits, and, hence, they may be said to love each other, or one another.

This character and kind of love is not subject to the will. Fact is that it originates sometimes after the parties to it have declared to themselves and maybe to the world that they will not give way to the dictates of the love that draws them together. So the people who are truly in love cannot will to get out. "The heart that has truly loved never forgets, but truly loves on to the close."

As the sunflower turns to her lord as he sets, The face that she turned when he rose."

Let us turn now to the meaning of love as it throbs in the heart of God. As it is the nature of the sun to shine, the nature of the mocking bird to sing, the nature of the great blush rose to bloom and burden the air with its delightful fragrance, of the fountain to gush and bubble and gurgle, of the giant pine to lift its lordly head to heaven, so it is the nature of God to love. Love is of God's very being. There could be no such being as a loveless God. If God ceased to be love, He would thereby cease to be God. It is not possible for God to be without love. There is one thing that is impossible to God, to be God and not be love.

What then is this love of God like? It is not evoked by the attractiveness of its object. It springeth from the heart of God. The love of God blesses all mankind as the sun's rays illumine alike the jungles of the Amazon, the sands of the Sahara, the hoary head of Chimborazo, the restless surface of the Pacific. This love no question makes of good or bad, of just or unjust, of high or low, of wise or otherwise; but it gladdens and glorifies all the works of God, and extends His help to all the helpless and His boundless mercies to all the undeserving. And the aim sublime in all this unstinted, unlimited bestowal of the love of God is to bring the whole creation into harmony with the heart of its Maker.

The aim of the sun, could the sun be said to have an aim, is to cause all seeds to burgeon and bring forth, each after its kind, root and stem and bud and leaf and bloom and flower and luscious fruit. So the aim of the God whose very being is love, is to bring into play and power all the latent capacities and potentialities for good involved in the heart of every man that shall ever walk the earth.

I believe with all my heart that we may reverently say that the heart of God is restless in its eagerness to bring to its highest and best development every latent capacity for good in the being of the worst man that walks the earth. This love, this restless desire upon the part of God is as stirring in its search for the very worst as for the very best.

And what is God's attitude toward those who love and those who hate Him? His dealings with them in the end must, of course, be different; but His love for them twain may be equally ardent. That He does love His enemies there can be no doubt. Did He not give His Son to die for them? And did they not take the life of that Son? And did not that Son pray for those of God's enemies who nailed Him to the cross? And in final proof of God's love for them, did not His grace seek out and save three thousand of the mob which fifty brief days before had dipped their murderous hands in the blood of the Son of God's love?

The purpose of God in all this I think is to bring men into His own spiritual likeness, to make of those whom His grace seeks out and finds to become like Himself, and the only way to make them so is to plant inside their souls, at the very center of their hearts, such a love for all kinds and conditions of men as dwelt in the heart of the aged Christian who said, "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clangling cymbal . . . If I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing."

But God loves all men, both friends and enemies. What therefore, is the cue of the man who would become Christlike? Is it not that he must love all men, friendly and unfriendly, both good and bad? There are those who hate and despitefully use the friends of the Christ. Shall Christians hate them in return? It was not thus and is not thus that Christ makes an end of His enemies. If the enemies of

**NEW SARDIS OBSERVES HOMECOMING DAY**

Homecoming Day brought to a climax the remodeling program at New Sardis Church in Smith County.

Rev. Zach Sullivan, former pastor and native son of the church, brought the morning message. After the dinner served on the church grounds, Rev. J. A. Barnhill, pastor of the Temple Church, Jackson, brought the afternoon message.

The church has made much progress. The auditorium has been completely remodeled, including the installation of new fixtures and furniture. This work is practically debt-free.

Rev. W. J. Murray is the pastor.

### Radio-TV Commission Requests Comments On Aug. 29 TV Show

Southern Baptists now sponsor the weekly NBC religious television program, "Frontiers of Faith", twice a year through efforts of the Radio and Television Commission.

Please write to The Radio-Television Commission, 1585 Ponce De Leon Ave. N. E., Atlanta, Ga., if you saw "Frontiers of Faith" on television between 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., August 29, September 5, or September 12. We need your impressions.

Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., was the speaker and his choir provided the music.

If the Commission can show the National Broadcasting Company that the viewing audience for this program is extremely large among Southern Baptists when they are on, it will boost the cause of the denomination.

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the cross will not be won to the Christ by the extending to them of the love of Christ, they will not be won at all.

There is someone who hates and spitefully uses you? And you would know how to deal with Him? I wish I could tell you that the method I am about to recommend has been the rule of my own life since first I knew the Lord; but, alas for me it hasn't. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him: if he thirst, give him drink." That needs no exegesis or exposition. It means just what it says. "If one smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Can a Christian man do that? Yes, both our Lord and Paul did it, and many since have done the same. It is hard to do: I know that. I have tried and have not done it, again I have tried and have succeeded. It is hard to do; but it can be done.

### Ebenezer Church Ordains Four Deacons

Ebenezer Church, Jeff Davis County, met on August 27, 1954, to ordain four deacons, Nooks Sinclair, Bill Swales, Lowell Garner and Edward Sinclair.

The presbytery consisted of the following pastors of Jeff Davis Association: Rev. R. A. Coulter, Ebenezer; Rev. R. E. McDonald, Whitesand; Rev. W. A. Newsom, Victory; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Carson; Rev. Guy Henderson of Society Hill, and Deacons Porter Shivers of Ebenezer and Jack Barnes of First Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Newsom gave the Charge to the candidates, and Rev. Henderson gave the Charge to the Church. Rev. McDonald, a former pastor, preached the ordination sermon; and Rev. Davis offered the ordination prayer.

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J. L. DOUGLAS

J. L. Douglas, a deacon of Nola Church, Sontag, since its founding, died recently.

Mr. Douglas was a charter member of the church which he has served, attended, and supported faithfully. He has taught the men's Bible class and was chairman of the deacons for a number of years.

His fellow deacons, Rankin Evans, Willie Smith, Marcus Bouzman, Walter Evans, Charlie Smith, and Hilary Lewis have expressed their sorrow in his death, but their joy that he is with Jesus.

## Man Of Distinction

As is well-known to most of our leaders, the liquor industry quite often publishes advertisements setting forth the fact that liquor seems to belong to "men of distinction." In an effort to aid the whiskey crowd in presenting both sides of "men of distinction," we present in brief the facts about a "man of distinction" which were published in a recent issue of the Clarion-Ledger of Jackson. According to the newspaper story:

Robert Buchanan, 32-year-old Jackson Negro and an ex-convict, admitted 41 houseburglaries plus criminal assault of a crippled white Louisiana woman who was visiting her mother in Jackson.

Buchanan related a story of drinking and stealing, dating back into his teens, while his grieving 62-year-old father and 53-year-old mother listened.

According to the newspaper story Buchanan first entered the house to burglarize it and then re-entered it and criminally assaulted the 29-year-old partially crippled mother of three children.

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## Let's Heed The President's Appeal

BY FRANK E. BURKHALTER  
Chairman Emeritus, Journalism  
Department, Baylor University

It is encouraging to note that President Eisenhower has proclaimed Wednesday, September 22, as a day of national prayer for world peace. If the Christians of America will heed that request by giving considerable time that day to offering individual petitions for peace, and the churches will give special emphasis to this subject at their mid-week prayer services, there is every reason to believe the Lord will hear and answer such intercession.

This belief is based upon several factors, but space forbids the listing of more than three of them:

**First:** The character of the heavenly Father, whom we know still delights in giving good gifts to his children.

**Second:** God's bountiful promises to hear and answer sincere, appropriate, and believing prayer, as witness the following passages:

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:3).

From numerous passages we learn there is nothing too difficult for God.

**Third:** On two occasions within this generation God has intervened in international crises and turned the tide of battle in response to wide-spread intercessory prayer.

Many who read these lines will recall the critical situation that prevailed on the Western Front in France in the spring of 1918, during World War I. The powerful German Wehrmacht had rolled across the plains of western Europe, sweeping everything before it. It appeared the Germans were on their way to becoming the masters of Europe, and maybe of the world.

Many thousand American men had been thrown into that battle in an effort to halt the German march, but when it appeared no human force could do that job President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed May 31 as a day of prayer and fasting, asking that God would intervene in behalf of the Allies. Millions of Americans heeded that call to prayer and within five months and eleven days the Germans had been conquered, and signed the Armistice of November 11 that terminated World War I.

Twenty-two years later, in May and June, 1940, during World War II, an even more powerful German war machine had rolled over the Low Countries, and had pushed all the Allied Forces back to the Atlantic Ocean, where it appeared they must either surrender or be annihilated from the land and air. Under this tremendous pressure France withdrew from the struggle, and the Belgian army surrendered. This left 335,000 British soldiers bottled up in the French port of Dunkirk, with no human means of extricating themselves.

Recognizing his brave men's plight King George of England seized his radio and appealed to his Christian subjects to report to their churches and spend the night in prayer, pleading with God to save the brave, entrapped men at Dunkirk.

True to His character, God sent a deep impenetrable fog over Dunkirk, so dense and deep the German bombers could not see where to drop their missiles.

The Royal British Navy was afraid to go to the rescue for fear it would be destroyed. But fortunately the usual rough English Channel was as calm as a pond all night, and by use of every type of commercial and pleasure craft every one of the 335,000 British soldiers was landed safely on English soil before the heavy fog lifted.

Since God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, he will hear the prayers of his people and perform another miracle in today's tense world situation if his people will only repent of their sins, and turn to him with their whole hearts.

President Eisenhower has done well in calling the people of America to prayer, but a mere proclamation will avail nothing. However, if all the 28,000 white Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention shall make earnest prayers for peace the major item at their mid-week prayer services September 22, and the majority of the 8,000,000 members of those churches take advantage of every opportunity to lift their hearts, asking God to overthrow atheistic Communism and bring an early peace throughout the world, I believe those prayers would be answered. And there's no other way to obtain such peace.

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## YOUTH OF MALAYA SHINE FOR CHRIST

BY DR. W. PEYTON THURMAN  
SINGAPORE — We have just completed a five-day visit to our Southern Baptist work in Malaya. We have been with our missionaries and have observed what they are doing in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Petaling, Ipoh, Penang, and Alor Star. Marvelous is the evidence of God's abundant blessing upon a small force of workers in this land.

We sat in on the beginning of the second annual conference of the Baptist youth of Malaya, a meeting planned to give Bible training, inspiration, and fellowship, as well as practical training in Sunday school and Training Union work. The theme: "Shining for Christ."

Over hundred forty-eight registered for the nine-day conference held on the premises of a lovely high school building in Penang. The majority of these young people have been Christians less than two years. Many of them say they are just two and a half or three months old.

It brings deep satisfaction to know that careful training and spiritual nurture are given these new friends in Christ. They are the hope of the work here; and that hope begins to brighten with the Christian growth of these who will win others.

Doors are abundant and open for young people of America to respond to the call to come and work with the young people here that there may be an even greater day in the work of Christ in Malaya.



Taking part in groundbreaking ceremonies for Camp Crestridge for Girls at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., were (from left) Willard K. Weeks, manager of the assembly; H. E. Ingraham, Baptist Sunday School Board; Miss Susan Louise Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrell, Nashville, first enrollee for the camp; W. A. Harrell of the Board's department of church architecture; and Miss Arvine Bell, director of the camp.—(BP)

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Warnall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind." for the Baptist Record.

Divorced Sunday School Teacher

Question: I have been married and divorced before I met and married my present wife. We have been married ten years and are both Christians, and have been for the past five years.

We both try to serve the Lord in every way. I have been asked to teach the intermediates in Sunday school, but one of the deacons objected because I was divorced. He says no divorced person should teach a class. This grieves me deeply. What shall I do?

Answer: Your case is a clear cut one. I would teach if my church asked me to. If not, there are many other avenues of service in a Baptist church. Divorce is a handicap in many church jobs. It causes your good to be evil spoken of (Romans 14:16).

Who is this deacon to object? Deacons were first chosen to stop a fuss, not to start one (Acts 6:1-7). The educational program of the church is not under the supervision of the deacons.

I would check with my pastor and Sunday school superintendent. If they endorse you, go ahead. But do not cause division in the church, and do not create prejudice against the bossy deacon.

Surely your church will not blame you for your mistakes before you were saved. God's people are understanding; trust them to do what is right and keep on keeping on.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Warnall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

## Lewis Traylor Licensed

Lewis Traylor was licensed at Holly Grove Church in Simpson County August 1. He is the son of Jess Araylor of Braxton. He is a student at Harrisville high school. Rev. Robert F. Tucker is the pastor.

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## Ridgecrest Prepares To Take Long Winter's Nap

RIDGECREST, N. C. —(BP)— The last strains of "Elijah" brought the most successful summer in the history of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly to a close recently, as the 500 voice choir sang this moving oratorio by Mendelssohn at the annual Church Music Conference.

The only remaining spark of life to the dynamo of summer Baptist activity is the 175 staffers and 400 Air Force men and women here for a short Protestant Spiritual Life Conference. It is a far cry from the peak of the summer when 3,572 guests and 415 staffers swarmed these hills of God.

The huge cooking vats were closed down, extra platters, dishes, and silver were washed and laid away as the assembly prepared to take a long winter's nap.

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According to a report from the Executive Committee of the SBC, Mississippi gave \$359,780.22 to the Cooperative Program during January-August, 1954, and \$295,227.43 during the same period in 1953. Designated gifts in 1954 amounted to \$250,321.94 while they were \$222,431.50 in 1953 for that period.

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Mission gifts for August have been reported by Porter Routh, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, in the amount of \$895,660, bringing the year's total receipts thus far to \$7,415,798, an increase of 11.48 per cent over last year's figure for the same period.

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## Baptist Women Of Spain Make Progress In Spite Of Poverty And Persecution

Forty Spanish Baptist women, representing 21 churches, attended the seventh annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Spain, held in Barcelona in August. Many of these traveled for as long as two days and two nights in hot, crowded trains to get to the meeting.

Following the main theme of the meeting, "Jesus Christ the Light of the World," the three conference themes were "Light for a World in Darkness," "Light for the Spiritual Growth of Believers," and "Light That Impulses to Action."

Reports of last year's work showed, in spite of poverty and persecution, that many unions had reached all points on the Standard of Excellence. Eleven churches have fully graded unions, and five new unions were welcomed into the national organization.

## Kansas News Dealers To Bar Offensive Comics

SYRACUSE, Kan. (RNS) Two newsdealers here said they will accept no more "offensive comics" for display or sale at their stores, the Syracuse Book Store, and D.

Joseph Connell, Jr., manager of Quick, manager of Duckwall's Variety Store, said they have agreed to let the present supply of horror and crime comic books be exhausted and will not sell any other such books in the future.

There has been no local action by any group to stop the sale of the comics. The dealers took it upon themselves to refuse to merchandise them. They said their stores will handle only comic books approved by a parents magazine.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mississippi dealers in comic books should read the above article and do their best.

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The Tippah County Association in its annual meeting elected the following officers: Moderator, Rev. Clarence Palmer; Vice-Moderator, Bill Colter; State Board Member, Rev. L. O. Deweese; clerk, Lowry Duncan, and treasurer, Tom Bradock.

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Sunday, Sept. 5 marked the eighth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Robert C. Cannon, a former Mississippian, at Merton Avenue Church, Memphis. There have been 1,198 additions during those years. The present membership is 1,380.

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The Knights of Columbus claim a record number of 310,000 requests for information about Roman Catholicism and also a record enrollment for religious instruction by mail of 40,376 during the past year as a result of its advertising program.

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DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS OF JOHN CALVIN (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, 6, Michigan, \$1) is a "devotional gem." There are fifty-two one page devotional readings selected from the writings of John Calvin, each followed on its facing page by an appropriate prayer. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.